



Welcome to the August edition of the [Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club](#) Newsletter! We'll try to keep you up-to-date with what's happening this month and any future events we're planning or are aware of. This newsletter is automatically distributed to club members, prospective future students who have reached out to us in the last year, and other interested amateur operators in the region. If you do not wish to receive these monthly newsletters, let us know and we can remove you from our distribution list. Alternatively, if you are not included on the mailing list, but would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please reach out to our secretary.

August Club Meeting - Tuesday night August 1st, Stratford Town Center

We hope that you're enjoying the summer and are able to join us at our next monthly meeting, which is coming up on Tuesday, August 1st, at 7:00 P.M. As always, everyone is welcome to attend. If you're a licensed radio operator and would like to become a member, or you're perhaps interested in becoming licensed and would like to find out more about us and the hobby, then please come and join us. We would love to meet you. For anyone who would like to become a member, membership dues are \$30 for 2023 for those who are not currently members of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). For RAC members, it's \$20 for the year. Our students and graduates from the 2022 and 2023 classes are automatically members of the club. Our meetings run from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (1900-2100) in the Southport room at the Stratford Town Center on Shakespeare Drive. Alongside monthly club reports we usually enjoy an information exchange. Over the last few months we've learned about alternate power options for radio operations, 3D printing, SDRs, and HF antennas in the field. At this month's meeting, with it being mid-summer, we'll be having a more informal meeting with time to socialize at the end.

Basic Course

We are planning to offer another Basic Amateur course from September through November 2023. Invitation emails will be going out shortly. If you know of anyone who would like to be included in the course, please let us know. Exact dates are still to be confirmed.

RAC Annual General Meeting - Halifax Amateur Radio Club conference

The Radio Amateurs of Canada will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Halifax this year, in cooperation with the Halifax Amateur Radio Club. The meeting will take place starting at 4 p.m. (ADT) on 19 August 2023. The meeting will be both in-person and online. See the RAC website for details, at <https://www.rac.ca/agm>.

Moncton Flea Market

The Moncton-Area Amateur Radio Club will be hosting its annual flea market on September 23rd, at the Lions Club on Coverdale Road in Riverview, NB. Typically, vendors are admitted at 9 a.m. and doors open to everyone at 10 a.m. For more information reach out to the Club at <https://www.maarc.ca/contact.html> or contact Jack VE1AIR at jhnchisholm25@gmail.com

NEAR-Fest

The fall 2023 version of the New England Amateur Radio Festival will be held on 13-14 October 2023 at the Deerfield Fair Grounds near Manchester, New Hampshire. More information is at: <https://near-fest.com/>

Morse Code Kit Build Session + Fox Hunt

The Morse code kits have now almost all been distributed. There is interest from some in having a build night (or weekend day). Please let Brent VY2HF know what your preference is, and we will try to arrange a date and time. If we are able to host it on a Saturday morning, it could be combined with a VHF transmitter fox hunt that same day.

Meetings and Events Calendar - August

- 1: Monthly club meeting
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Wednesday night 2M nets, 8:00 P.M. (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s).
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 8:00 P.M. (2000).
- 5, 12, 19, 26: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets on the VE1CRA repeater(s)
- 7: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW
- 19: RAC Annual General Meeting in Halifax NS at 4:00 P.M. (1600).

Future Events

5 September: Monthly CARC meeting, Stratford Town Center

11 September: Tentative date for the Fall 2023 CARC Basic Radio Course

23 September: Moncton Area Amateur Radio Club flea market, Lions Club, Coverdale Road, Riverview NB

1-30 September: "Canadian Straight Key Month" with special call sign VC3K

13-14 October: NEAR-Fest in Manchester NH (USA)

Help Us Out!

Do you have something you would like to contribute to this newsletter? Drop us an email at secretary@charlottetownarc.com .